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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT

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1. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO OBTAIN SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS OF HOPPER CARS FOR PULLMAN BUT NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION BRUSHED ASIDE EARLIER REQUEST FOR DRAWINGS OF FREIGHT CARS ON GROUNDS COPIES LIMITED AND THAT IT PREFERS IN ANY CASE DISCUSS DETAILS OF THIS KIND DIRECTLY WITH PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS.

2. WITH REGARD POSSIBLE MCABE VISIT WE CAN SAY AGAIN AS WE HAVE SAID ELSEWHERE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR U.S. FIRMS AND PARTICULARLY NEWCOMERS TO ESTABLISH CONTINUING RELATIONSHIPS IN NIGERIAN OFFICIAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES. HOWEVER AS JOHNSON POINTED OUT THERE ARE UNCERTAINTIES IN CURRENT SITUATION ARISING OUT OF LABOR DIFFICULTIES IN RAILWAYS, POSSIBILITY OF CHANGEOVER OF OFFICIALS AND REORDERING OF PRIORITIES, AND WE HESITATE TO SECOND GUESS JOHNSON ON TIMING OF VISIT. IN ABSENCE OF ADVICE FROM JOHNSON SEEMS TO US WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE FOR MCCABE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH NZEGWU REGARDING OPTIMUM TIMING. NZEGWUS ADDRESS: T.I.O. NZEGWU, GENERAL MANAGER, NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION, EBUTE-METTA, LAGOS, NIGERIA: LAGOS TELEPHONE 41041 EXT. 555 AND 44416. CROSBY

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